

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Double Patenting

Respectful request is made that Applicant be permitted to hold any response in abeyance, pending allowance of claims in either one of the applications.

Claims Rejections 35 USC § 112

Claims 1 – 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Claims 1 – 20 have been cancelled.

Claims Rejections 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 – 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagano (U.S. 4,754,166). Claims 1 – 20 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as now claimed is not anticipated by disclosures in Nagano. For example, the discharge circuit is not anticipated in Nagano.

New Claims

New claims 21 – 38 have been added.

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Respectful request is made for reconsideration of the application, as amended,
and for an issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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